

Transcript of Fulbright program returnee Souleymane Saleh Souleymane's interview

*Good morning and welcome back Mr. Souleymane. You have studied under the Fulbright program for two years in United States. How did you find this program?*

Well, thank you for having me. My name is Souleymane Saleh Souleymane. I am a Chadian Fulbright student for the 2010 to 2012 program. I have studied U.S. Foreign Relations and African History at the University of Arkansas. I believe that the Fulbright program is not only an opportunity for me to study in the U.S. and to get the knowledge and a diploma, but it is also a lifetime experience of meeting other peer students from the whole world in one spot. It's a miracle. I found this program a very interesting program especially in Chad where Chadian students, most of us are French and Arabic speaking students. Through my two-year experience I met a lot of world international students abroad and though I was the only Chadian student at that University, I quickly got accustomed to the system especially the educational system. The school system is totally different from the academics in my home country. So it was a little bit difficult in the beginning.

*How do you intend to apply your Fulbright experience in Chad? Do you have any projects in mind?*

Oh yes, when I got my MA in history and returned in Dec 2012 back to my country, I had in mind many things such as how to apply my Fulbright experience in my home country. I know that the Chadian Fulbrighters are very few. When I check on the international web site, we are no more than twenty. When I compare to other students from other countries for example, they are hundreds. The only way I was thinking about is to come back and foster a network of Chadian Fulbright students. How to come back and share with our Chadian fellow students? This is one of the main ambitions I had when I returned back in Chad.